

IM Volleyball Playoffs Start

By BILL MUDELL
Intramural volleyball readied itself for the ensuing playoffs with four more tussles Wednesday night. Only six matches remain on Thursday's schedule and one on Friday before the 35 teams launch into the post-season tournament.

Delta Upsilon and the Iranians clinched first place honors in their respective leagues Wednesday by sweeping their three scheduled games.

The DU's captured top honors in league IV by shellacking Phi Kappa Psi "B" three times. The scores were 15-7, 15-7 and 15-8. The three wins gave the DU's a 13-2 record going into the playoffs.

The Iranians kept their unbeaten mark intact by drubbing the Architects in three contests. The scores of these contests were 15-5, 15-12 and 15-9. In winning, the Iranians captured the top spot of league VI with a 12-0 mark with but three contests remaining for Thursday.

Other Wednesday action saw Sigma Alpha Epsilon "B" taking two wins from Tau Kappa Epsilon on scores of 15-8, 15-2 and 11-15. The Sig Alpha win moved their record entering the playoffs

to 10-5 and gave them still a slight chance of tying Kappa Sigma for first place. Kappa Sigma will settle the question Thursday by taking at least one of their three games from the Tekes.

Friday's regularly scheduled contest will be at 5 p.m. between the Tekes and the Sigma Nu Seniors on court I, South.

Three playoff matches will start the single-elimination tourney at 5 p.m. also. Three matches pit Delta Upsilon "B" against Beta Sigma Psi on court I, North and the possibility of several teams on court II pending Thursday's results.

Zeta Beta Tau will meet the sixth place team in league VI on court II, North. This will be either the Ag Men's Club or the Navy ROTC. Phi Delta Theta will face the fourth place team in league IV on court II, South. This berth will be occupied by Sigma Nu pledges, Phi Kappa Psi "B", Alpha Gamma Rho or Farm House.

All volleyball managers are urged to keep a close check with the tourney pairings on the bulletin board in the U E building as to what time and date their teams are scheduled for playoff action.

Strictly Kushner

By MARSHALL KUSHNER
Sports Editor

Nebraska coaching circles lost perhaps the most colorful and one of its most productive basketball coaches this week with the announcement that Bob Faris has resigned as Fremont basketball coach to take over the athletic directorship of the school.

Not only was Faris a stickler for sound basketball principles and fundamentals, but a master psychologist. He had the power to bring his team up when the chips were down.

His record will show only a fair percentage of victories, but the team's stupendous showings in the past two state high school tournaments have gained Faris, the teams and Fremont the plaudits of prep enthusiasts.

His Tigers lost numerous encounters during the early stages of the past season and arose from the depths of defeat to almost successfully regain their state crown.

The news will undoubtedly be welcomed by the coaches who have been the victims of the humiliating and very potential Fremont stall. It's many a college coach who envies the Tiger's ability to hold that ball under pressure.

Majors Will Never Be The Same

There is no question in the mind of Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto, New York Yankee shortstop, as to who is the greatest ball player he has ever known. Never will there be an individual with the spiritual guidance of team in his grasp as Joltin' Joe DiMaggio.

Ted Williams will also hang up his vermilion socks to don the uniform of the Marines. These two performers were monuments in American league history and were, from the practical pecuniary standpoint, excellent drawing cards.

It'll take quite a passing of time for this writer to forget that balmy afternoon when Thumpin' Theodore came to bat against Lou Brissie of the Athletics. Brissie was a war veteran who suffered from some flying shrapnel in the Pacific campaign and whose leg was injured for life.

Williams can punch that ball out and he gave the crowd no room to doubt it when he took a healthy cut at Brissie's next delivery. The ball was gone with the crack of the bat and before the echoes of the smash faded Brissie was in great pain on the mound.

The ball was smashed right through the mound and Brissie's leg caught it before it could get past the hill. It was a base hit all right, but Ted Williams was a picture of sincere disgust and dejection.

He half-ran to first base, looking at Brissie all the way. When he reached first, he kicked the bag with all his might to show that even though his placement was unintentional, it was done and he had committed a misdeed.

This is brought out to show that many scribes have ridiculed Williams, and perhaps justly; but there are few ball players with Williams' desire to win and the deep respect he holds for his teammates, opposition and the fans.

Pitching Prospects Produce Praises

It's still a little early to tell, but it'll be interesting to follow the senior circuit's top pitchers during this major league campaign.

For instance, will Ralph Branca get the chance to blow the pennant for the Dodgers this year? We saw the towering Flat-bush flipper fire 'em down in 1950 when he was enjoying some great major league success. I pitied the batters that had to stand in against the slants of the 6 foot, 4 inch hulk.

Ole Rip Sewell is still in there trying for the Chicago Cubs' retired baseball players (that is, after they retire, they join the Cubs for lack of a WPA.) How about that day in Wrigley Field in 1950 when the Pirates and the Cubs were at each other tooth-and-nail and Rip, then with the Pirates, came in to relief pitch.

Rip came up with his famous "blooper ball" and Phil Cavaretta patiently waited until the course of flight of the ball had come out of the stratosphere. Philbuck smashed the apple over the ivy covered fence and the Cubs salvaged one of their few precious wins.

I might inject about this time how the sentiment of Chicago's baseball fans has changed. Folks around Comiskey Park (home of the White Sox) refer to the Cubs as the "Windy City's 'other team.'"

We can recall Forbes Field fans out Pittsburgh way, calling Preacher Roe a bum when he played for the Bucs. We recall how they cringed when he played against the Pirates the past season. Tiempo Passa!

Look out for two pitchers this season who are going to make it tough on the leaders in the National league this term. Bob Rush of the Cubs and Murry Dickson of the Pirates will both end up with 20-game winning records despite the fact they'll be playing for teams buried deep in the second division of the league.

In 17 head-coaching seasons, Wilbur "Sparky" Stalcup has compiled a record of 286 wins and 113 losses in his basketball tours at Northwest (Mo.) State College and the University of Missouri.

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Husker Baseball Team Work Inside

Nebraska's baseball team continued to work out in the field-house this week with the advent of the very untimely snow storm last Friday and Saturday.

Coach Tony Sharpe is expected to make a "cut" in personnel sometime this week. He will probably trim the varsity team down to 36 or 35 men.

The Cornhuskers are expected to come up with one of the finest stock of pitchers in the loop this year, however, Coach Sharpe will tell you that it is still too soon to know.

Improvement of Oklahoma's green pitching staff is Coach Jack Baer's concern as time draws near for Minnesota's invasion at Norman Monday and Tuesday.

It will be the home debut of Oklahoma's defending NCAA and Big Seven Conference baseball champions who were blanked in Texas last week, losing 3-17 to Texas Christian, 14-26 to Baylor, and 4-13 and 4-15 to Texas.

The Sooners hope to avoid last year's disastrous starting pattern when they lost their first six games, four to Texas opponents and the two home openers to Minnesota, before rallying to sweep their last 13 in a row on their way to the national championship.

Coach Dick Siebert's Golden Gophers are on a road trip. They are booked to play at Baylor March 24 and 25, at Texas March 26 and 27, at Texas A&M March 28 and 29 and at Sam Houston State Teachers March 28 (morning game) before coming to Norman.

Last year Minnesota drubbed Oklahoma at Norman 20-4 and 6-5, the last game going ten innings. The Gophers finished 6-6 for fourth in Big Ten play, Ohio State winning the flag at 10-2. Baer's resurging Sooners eliminated the Buckeyes in their first NCAA battle in June, 9-8.

Pitching is 75 per cent of baseball and right now it's Oklahoma's No. 1 problem. The Sooners lost their three senior right-handers who won 16 of the Sooners' 19 victories last year—Jack Shirley, Jim Waldrip and John Davis. Baer's new chucks were shelled for a total of 71 runs and 65 hits during the four-game Texas invasion.

The height of Sooner frustration came in last Thursday's game against Baylor, considered the strongest team in Texas this year. At Waco, Oklahoma made 14 runs on 18 hits against the

Bears, were guilty of only one error to four for Baylor, made two double plays and a triple play and led 8-2 through the first four innings. Yet Baylor won 26-14, fanning on Oklahoma's rookie hurlers for 16 runs in the fifth inning.

If the Sooners nix Minnesota in either game here, it will be the 100th victory for Sooner teams coached by Baer.

The Cornhuskers will open their baseball schedule April 4 and 5 against the Drake university outfit from Des Moines, Ia.

CU Meet Will Fete 12 Teams

Twelve schools from Colorado, Kansas, Wyoming and New Mexico will compete in the eleventh annual University of Colorado Invitational indoor track meet at Boulder Saturday, March 29 and all competitors will have their eyes on four meet records which are likely to be shattered.

There meet records are almost sure bets to be broken, and there is a possibility that a fourth mark might fall.

In the shot-put, Wally Tanner of Colorado is the outstanding candidate to ring up a new mark. Tanner's best toss of the season is 51 feet, 5 1/4 inches, while the invitational meet record is 50 feet, 10 inches.

Kansas State's Rollin Prather set the present shot-put record in 1947.

Gordon Riddell of Colorado A&M, who doubles as a track man and a gymnast, is a good bet in the pole vault. Riddell has gone 13 feet, 11 inches, and the invitational record is 13 feet, 8 1/16 inches, set in 1949 by Warren Bateman of Colorado.

Lowry Field has an almost sure thing record-breaker in Frank Kilgore, a mile, who has bettered the invitational mile record of 4:30.5.

The present mile mark is held by Paul Cunkle of Colorado, who set the record in 1939.

Thane Baker of Kansas State and Alex Burt of Colorado A&M have tied the invitational 60-yard dash standard of :06.2 during the regular indoor season.

Jerome Biffle of Denver University set the present record of :06.2 in 1949. Biffle's time is only one-tenth of a second off the world 60-yard mark of :06.1.



COACH JACK BAER... University of Oklahoma's baseball coach faces the Texas A.M. baseball team after being blanked by Baylor and Texas university last week.

Colorado Matmen Shine in AAU Meet

A seven-man Colorado wrestling team will enter the NCAA meet at Fort Collins this weekend, and three of the seven men already hold AAU championships which they won last week.

Buff mat Coach Ray Jenkins' grapplers took three of five titles in the AAU tournament last week. Bill French, 147-pounder, Royal Smith, 167-pounder and Maynard Skinner, who wrestles at 177 pounds won championships of their divisions.

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64 Teams To Start Badminton Meet

Intramural badminton for 201 individual men and 64 teams will get under way at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Apr. 8 according to the latest word from the I-M department. At that hour, all individuals in league II will see their initial action.

A total of 11 leagues, four doubles and seven singles, have been set up for the badminton competition. All four of the doubles brackets have 16 teams each while the seven singles leagues contain either 28 or 29 men.

The pairings in the 11 leagues have already been established and posted on the bulletin board in the P.E. building and all managers and competitors are urged to check their schedules.

Ground rules for this year's tourney are similar to those of previous years. Each player and team must furnish a good or new bird for each match in which the winner will be determined by two out of three games. Each participant must

furnish his own birds and for their convenience the birds are on sale in the cage in the P. E. building. The I-M department will automatically forfeit.

Each match must be completed by the deadline date and hour set for that particular round. Opponents may schedule and play their matches in advance of the deadline, but not under any circumstances will any matches be allowed that are played after the deadline.

Results that are not turned in by the deadline will be disregarded and the two opponents will automatically forfeit.

Practice time and space are available on court III any time the building is open for volleyball games. Volleyball will occupy the first two courts and facilities for badminton will occupy the third court.

The first-round deadlines for the 11 tourneys are:

- Tourney I—Tuesday, Apr. 8 at 8 p.m.
- Tourney II—Tuesday, Apr. 8 at 7 p.m.
- Tourney III—Tuesday, Apr. 8 at 9 p.m.
- Tourney IV—Wednesday, Apr. 9 at 7 p.m.
- Tourney V—Wednesday, Apr. 9 at 8 p.m.
- Tourney VI—Wednesday, Apr. 9 at 9 p.m.
- Tourney VII—Wednesday, Apr. 16 at 5 p.m.
- Tourney VIII—Wednesday, Apr. 16 at 7 p.m.
- Tourney IX—Wednesday, Apr. 16 at 8 p.m.
- Tourney X—Wednesday, Apr. 16 at 9 p.m.
- Tourney XI—Thursday, Apr. 17 at 7 p.m.

IM Tennis Doubles Begin Soon

The intramural tennis doubles season will open soon, the intramural athletic department announced Thursday.

Entries for the spring doubles tournament must be turned into the Physical Education building before noon Friday, April 4.

All interested and eligible students of the University may enter the first round. Persons who have won varsity tennis awards at Nebraska or any other college are ineligible for competition.

Each organization may enter as many teams as they desire. A team trophy will be awarded to the organization winning the championship, and medals will be presented to the finalists and semi-finalists.

Team championship will be determined by points awarded in elimination tournaments. Players participating in the tournament will be required to furnish their own balls and tennis racquets and have the proper type of tennis shoes.

Slush, Slime Slow Spring Sport Slate

With two major spring sports plus spring football practice in progress, the University of Nebraska athletic department is getting no cooperation from the weatherman.

The baseball season is slated to open April 4 when Coach Tony Sharpe's nine take on Drake university here. Outdoor track opens with a meet between Coach Ed Weir's cindermen and the Kansas Jayhawks at Lawrence, Kas.

As yet, neither the baseball team nor the track team has been able to get in any outdoor practice because of the snow and slush.

The football team, under the direction of Coach Bill Glassford, has gone outside several times, but has worked under the handicap of a muddy practice field.

From the start of mid-February indoor baseball drills through the final game late in May, Missouri baseballers normally splinter anywhere from six to eight-dozen bats.

Two lettermen additions to Missouri's outdoor track squad are basketballers Don Zimmerman, javelinist, and Don Dippold, broad-jumper.

Kansas Wins NCAA
The University of Kansas won the National Collegiate Athletic association basketball tournament by downing St. Johns college of Brooklyn, 80-63.
Instrumental in the Kansas attack was the pin point shooting of All-American center, Clyde Lovellette. The towering Jayhawk center hit the hoops for 33 points to bring his tournament total scoring mark to 104.

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